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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NAKASHIMA et al.

Application No.: 10/088,750

Filed: March 20, 2002

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Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: A NOVEL HIGHER-ORDER STRUCTURE WITH PROMOTING TRANSLATION ACTIVITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 30, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert as a new paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of earlier filed International Application No.

PCT/JP01/00641 filed January 31, 2001.--

REMARKS

No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.